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Fraud aimed at American households has crossed into industrial territory. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center logged \$20.9 billion in reported losses last year, and the Federal Trade Commission's separate system logged \$15.9 billion -- two overlapping counts that can't simply be added, but that both point the same direction: more money was taken from Americans than ever measured. This is not opportunistic crime. It runs on scripts, quotas, and supervisors. Increasingly, that operation runs out of walled compounds in Southeast Asia staffed by trafficked workers, while artificial intelligence gives it a duplicate of your own family's voice. The threat has changed enough that old advice -- hang up, be careful -- no longer matches what's actually happening. What hasn't changed is that a written rule, decided before the phone rings, still beats confidence every time.



In this briefing we will discuss the following:

- » The Anatomy of a Scam: How Emotion, Authority, Isolation, and AI Combine to Empty American Bank Accounts
- » Inside the Compounds: China's Criminal Networks, Forced Labor, and the Industrialization of Fraud
- » Fighting Back: Washington's Response, Your Household Defense Plan, and Where the Investable Opportunity Sits



YOUR MISSION: Understand how modern scam operations actually work, recognize the four-step sequence used against nearly every victim, and put a written household defense plan in place before you're ever tested by one.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- » **Anyone can be targeted and knowing that doesn't protect you.** A professor whose academic specialty was victimology lost more than half a million dollars -- proof that knowledge alone isn't a defense; only a written rule, decided in advance, holds up under pressure.

- » **The losses are concentrated on people who can least afford to lose them.** Americans 60 and older filed more than 200,000 complaints last year totaling \$7.7 billion, with more than 12,000 people losing over \$100,000 each -- because that's where the savings sit and where there's less time to rebuild.
- » **The operation on the other end of the call may not be free to hang up either.** Much of the highest-dollar fraud against Americans is run out of forced-labor compounds in Southeast Asia, where trafficked workers are held under debt bondage, scripts, and quotas.
- » **Artificial intelligence has already changed what you can trust.** Voice cloning and deepfake video mean a familiar voice or face is no longer proof of identity -- only the channel you already trust can be authenticated, not the voice itself.
- » **A written household plan works even when confidence doesn't.** A family code word, a credit freeze, and a simple pause rule cost almost nothing to set up and stop the exact sequence criminals rely on.

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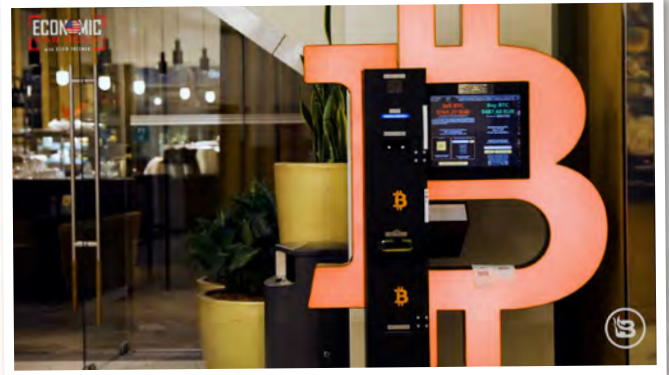
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1. The Anatomy of a Scam: How Emotion, Authority, Isolation, and AI Combine to Empty American Bank Accounts

A serious scam isn't a lie -- it's a construction. It builds a room around the victim, then closes the doors one at a time until the only move that feels safe is the one the caller wants made. Nearly every high-dollar fraud follows the same four-step sequence: 1) raise the target's emotional temperature (fear, urgency, hope, love, or shame), 2) claim authority or intimacy (a deputy, a bank, a grandson), 3) isolate the victim from anyone who might intervene, and 4) steer the payment toward something that can't be reversed -- a wire, cryptocurrency, cash, or gold picked up by a courier.



“So, the question is not: How could anybody fall for that? The question is useless. Worse, it keeps victims silenced. The better question is: What did the criminals build?” –Kevin Freeman

The loud version of the scam is the fake emergency -- a jury-duty warrant, a grandchild in jail. The quiet version takes longer and asks for nothing at first. Criminals call it “pig butchering,” fattening the target before the slaughter: a wrong-number text answered politely, weeks or months of ordinary conversation, and eventually a mention of an investment platform that's been doing well. A small first withdrawal works -- proof the account is real -- so the victim sends more, until a “tax,” a “compliance fee,” and a frozen account close the trap. Investment fraud is now the single largest loss category in the federal data, and most of it arrives disguised as a friendship.

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Two separate federal reporting systems make the scale hard to overstate, and harder to pin to a single number. The FBI recorded roughly \$20.9 billion in reported losses last year across about a million complaints; the FTC's separate system recorded about \$15.9 billion across roughly 3 million reports.

The two figures can't simply be added -- they overlap and both undercount -- but both are records, and both point the same direction: far more is lost than either window alone shows. Losses concentrate hardest on Americans 60 and older, who filed more than 200,000 complaints last year totaling \$7.7 billion, with more than 12,000 people losing over \$100,000 each. Cryptocurrency kiosks -- the machines now common in gas stations and grocery stores -- are a growing share of that total, with criminals coaching victims through the exact buttons to press; roughly two-thirds of that money came from Americans over 60.



Attention: The scam sequence -- raised emotion, claimed authority, isolation, and an irreversible payment -- is the same whether the loss takes ten hours or ten weeks, and recognizing all four in real time is the only defense that works under pressure.

2. Inside the Compounds: China's Criminal Networks, Forced Labor, and the Industrialization of Fraud

Much of the highest-dollar fraud aimed at American households is no longer run by lone criminals working from an apartment -- it's run out of walled compounds across Southeast Asia, in Burma, Cambodia, and Laos, complete with dormitories, cafeterias, and guards. Workers are recruited with advertisements for high-paying tech jobs; on arrival, their passports are confiscated, they're told they owe a debt they never agreed to, and they're given scripts, supervisors, and quotas -- with beatings for falling short.

Federal prosecutors call these forced-labor scam compounds. The Justice Department's own indictment shows the scale: the chairman of a Cambodian conglomerate was charged with directing forced-labor compounds allegedly generating \$30 million a day, alongside a civil forfeiture of roughly 127,000 bitcoin -- about \$15 billion -- the largest forfeiture action in Justice Department history.

"That moral complexity does not soften the enforcement question. It sharpens it. Justice has to separate the coerced from the coercer, rescue the trafficked, prosecute the organizers, the launderers, and the officials taking bribes." --Kevin Freeman

Federal investigators estimate that roughly three out of four trafficked workers found mid-scam had no idea what they were being recruited into. When a compound gets raided, the

enterprise doesn't stop -- it moves to a new country, a new corporate shell, and the same playbook. Layered onto this is artificial intelligence, which the FBI tracked as its own crime descriptor for the first time last year: voice cloning, deepfake video calls, and phishing written in fluent English at scale. Global assessments rate AI-enhanced fraud as several times more profitable than earlier methods. In one documented case, a mother in Florida heard what sounded exactly like her daughter crying and asking for bail money, built from a few seconds of audio lifted from a video her daughter had posted.

"A familiar voice on the phone was proof of identity. It's not anymore. Seeing is no longer believing, and neither is hearing. You can't out-listen this. You can only authenticate the channel instead of the voice." –Kevin Freeman

The Justice Department, Treasury, and the U.S.-China Commission all point to Chinese criminal syndicates at the center of the worst of these compounds, with selective enforcement and purchased protection from local officials extracting billions a year from American families. That's a documented capability, not proof that Beijing directs the calls.



But the money doesn't stay in the fraud business: the FBI has described a Mexican cartel running timeshare fraud out of call centers, taking more than \$400 million from American seniors, with proceeds flowing toward fentanyl trafficking and bribed officials. The domestic half of the failure sits closer to home -- a legal data-broker industry that sells the profile of nearly every American, cheaply enough that researchers were able to buy targeting data on U.S. military personnel for about \$0.12 a record.



Attention: The fraud economy runs on two fronts at once -- an industrialized, often China-linked criminal network operating compounds overseas, and a domestic data-broker market that sells the raw material those operations need, legally, every day.

3. Fighting Back: Washington's Response, Your Household Defense Plan, and Where the Investable Opportunity Sits

Washington has moved, and credit is due where it's earned. Last November the Justice Department stood up a Scam Center Strike Force that has since frozen and seized more than \$580 million in criminal cryptocurrency, filed charges against compound managers, and sanctioned a network used to recruit compound workers. In March, an executive order made combating cybercrime, fraud, and predatory schemes against Americans a matter of policy, naming transnational criminal organizations directly and noting that some foreign regimes provide willing or tacit support.

The FBI runs two named efforts: Operation Blackout, which has freed nearly 2,000 trafficked workers and led to roughly 300 arrests, and Operation Level Up, which has notified thousands of Americans mid-scam and prevented more than \$500 million in losses. This August, a presidential memorandum authorized vetted American companies to run cyber operations against foreign criminal networks under federal oversight -- a modern echo of Article I, Section 8's letters of marque and reprisal, the constitutional mechanism for licensing private actors against hostile forces.

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That targeted-friction principle -- slowing the dangerous moment instead of every transaction -- is also the household-level answer.

Four steps take under an hour combined and stop the exact sequence criminals rely on:

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- 1) set a family code word that never appears on social media, since a cloned voice can sound exactly right but can't know the word;
- 2) freeze credit at all three bureaus, which is free and takes about fifteen minutes;
- 3) lock down email and phone number specifically, since those two accounts unlock everything else, with a carrier PIN against number-porting and a passkey or hardware security key wherever available; and
- 4) adopt a pause rule -- no urgent payment, account reset, or money moved on unsolicited contact without a second person and a second channel, no exceptions for emergencies.

A second, cruel wave targets victims who've already been scammed once: recovery scams, in which someone poses as a law firm, investigator, or government agency and offers to recover stolen funds for an upfront fee -- a pattern that cost more than \$1.4 billion last year across over 10,500 complaints, some involving criminals impersonating the FBI's own complaint center. No legitimate authority ever charges a fee to release recovered money.

"Values say that the seized money should go back to the people it was taken from. That work is underway. It has to be fast and real. Recovering \$15 billion means nothing to a widow who never sees any of it." --Kevin Freeman

Proverbs 14:15 states the discipline plainly: **the simple believe everything, but the prudent give thought to their steps. That's the personal battle plan in one line.**

On the investment side, these are categories to study, not recommendations: phishing-resistant identity technology such as passkeys and hardware security keys, blockchain forensics firms that trace and freeze stolen cryptocurrency, and government analytics providers supporting fraud enforcement on federal budgets.

Fear sells software, but fear-based marketing isn't the same as a durable business -- the better test is retention numbers, not the threat report, since even a real, worsening problem doesn't make every company chasing it a good investment at every price. Transactional gold and silver, the recurring focus of the show's Pirate Money framework, won't stop a phone call and criminals will ask for gold too -- but it is an asset that can't be wired away in a panic, and it doesn't move on a payment rail built for speed instead of safety.



Attention: The same principle -- targeted friction, not universal friction -- applies at every level, from a federal strike force down to a household pause rule. Four questions are worth asking this week: does your family have a code word, is your credit frozen, who would a criminal target first in your life, and do you know the first three calls you'd make if money left your account right now?



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1. **Print the one-page Family Verification Protocol included in this Economic Battle Plan, post it where your family will see it, and give a copy to your parents -- it's built to be used before the phone rings, not after.**
2. **If you want personalized guidance on evaluating fraud-prevention and blockchain-forensics investments through a values-aligned lens, connect with an advisor through the [NSIC Institute](#), and read Kevin Freeman's [Pirate Money](#) to understand transactional gold and silver and how it can help you.**
3. Set a family code word that never appears on social media -- a cloned voice can sound exactly right, but it can't know the word.
4. Freeze your credit at all three bureaus; it's free, holds until you lift it, and takes about fifteen minutes.
5. Lock down your email and phone number specifically: add a carrier PIN against number-porting, and use a passkey or hardware security key wherever it's offered.
6. Adopt the pause rule -- no urgent payment, account reset, or money moved on a contact you didn't initiate, without a second person and a second channel, with no exceptions for emergencies.
7. Study -- never automatically buy -- three investment categories tied to this threat: phishing-resistant identity technology, blockchain forensics firms, and government fraud-analytics providers, judging them on retention numbers rather than the threat report.

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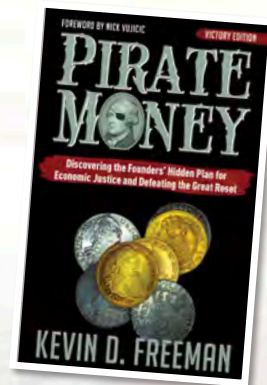
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 - » Ask them how they are working to strengthen our education system and reverse the push for Marxist indoctrination. These are big issues, if your representatives are not aware and working toward solutions directly or indirectly based on their committees, hold them accountable!
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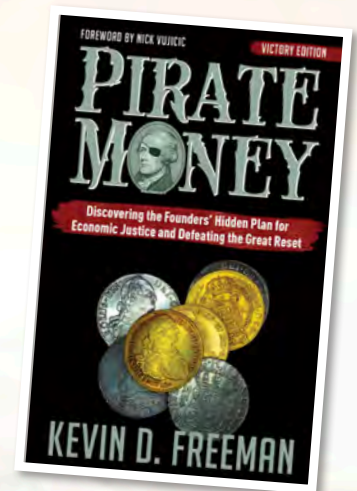
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If someone calls, texts, or emails claiming a family emergency, an arrest, a warrant, or an urgent financial request:

- » Hang up. Do not stay on the line, even if they warn you not to hang up.
- » Call back on a number you already had -- never a number they gave you (such as from the back of your credit card).
- » Ask for the family code word. A cloned voice can sound exactly right. It cannot know the word.
- » No legitimate institution -- a bank, a court, the IRS, or law enforcement -- ever asks you to keep the call secret from your spouse or family.
- » No legitimate authority charges a fee to release money it claims to be holding or recovering for you.

Set these up before you're ever tested:

- ☐ Choose a family code word that appears nowhere on social media and make sure every adult family member knows it.
- ☐ Freeze your credit at all three bureaus (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion) -- it's free and takes about fifteen minutes.
- ☐ Add a carrier PIN to your phone account to block number-porting and set up a passkey or hardware security key on your email.
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- ☐ Is my credit frozen?
- ☐ Who in my life would a criminal target first -- and have I talked to them about this?
- ☐ If money left my account right now, do I know the first three calls I'd make?



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